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Education Cabinet interactive site named "Best of Kentucky" award winner

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Web application e3.ky.gov, developed in-house by Education Cabinet staff, was named the "Best of Kentucky" for "Best Application Serving the Public" at the Kentucky Digital Government Summit held April 22, 2008 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

The e3.ky.gov site is a self-service information portal for education, economic development and employment figures. Most data can be displayed by zip code, community, county, Workforce Investment Area or statewide. Access to the site is free and available to anyone. To date the site averages more than one million hits per month. International hits have been tracked to more than 30 countries.

"I am thrilled that e3.ky.gov is being recognized as among the 'Best of Kentucky,'" said Education Cabinet Secretary Helen Mountjoy. "This resource is a prime example of how linkages among education and economic development benefit the entire commonwealth. If you are a student, job seeker, employer, career counselor, educator or legislator, e3.ky.gov puts the data you need to make your decisions at your fingertips and at your convenience."

Launched in 2007, www.e3.ky.gov offers a broad array of government resources to the public. It allows employers to post job listings, review resumes, profile a community's workforce, view educational attainment demographics, find information on tax incentives or evaluate locations for a new/expanding business. Employers can search resumes geographically from areas ranging from zip code to statewide from the convenience of their desktop. Job seekers can post resumes, view job openings, and research companies and communities before an interview. Students can search for careers to see the education required and location and availability in those fields.

Also showcased on e3.ky.gov is data for General Educational Development (GED) diplomas, Kentucky Employability Certificates, Kentucky Manufacturing Skill Standards, and all degrees issued by Kentucky's postsecondary institutions. In addition, users can find detailed descriptions of curricula, certifications and degrees at postsecondary institutions and links to colleges and universities.

The site provides labor market data from the U.S. Census Bureau and information on Kentucky payrolls, earnings, turnover rates, new hires and other indicators by geographic areas. In addition, the county-to-county commuting patterns of workers are included.

Purchasing software containing only partial functionality of e3.ky.gov would cost more than \$10 million. The investment in this resource is less than \$1 million, including development costs, licensing, market research and professional art package design.

The e3.ky.gov site is co-sponsored by Kentucky Adult Education and the Office of Employment and Training. It was developed by the Kentucky Education Cabinet's Division of Technology Services.